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¹⁰ Gobillon, *Life*, 4.

¹¹ Document A.5, “(Retreat),” (c. 1632), *SW*, 717.

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1989), 971. Hereafter cited as *FC Documents*.

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¹⁶ Document A.13, “(An Interior Trial),” (c. 1621), *SW*, 691–92.

¹⁷ See Document A.1, “Rule of Life in the World,” n.d., *ibid.*, 689–91.

¹⁸ Document A.2, “Light,” n.d., *ibid.*, 1.

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²⁷ McNeil, “Testament,” 106.

²⁸ Letter 49, “To Saint Louise,” [around 1630], *CCD*, 1:80–81.

²⁹ Gobillon, *Life*, 10.

³⁰ Document 842, “Jean-Pierre Camus, Evêque de Belley, à Louise de Marillac,” 26 March 1626, *FC Documents*, 888.

³¹ Document A.2, “Light,” n.d., *SW*, 1.

³² Letter 148, “To Saint Louise,” n.d., *CCD*, 1:212.

³³ Letter 12, “To Saint Louise de Marillac,” 30 October 1626, *ibid.*, 1:24.

- ³⁴ L.1, “To Monsieur Vincent,” 5 June 1627, *SW*, 5.
- ³⁵ Letter 15, “To Saint Louise,” [October 1627], *CCD*, 1:28.
- ³⁶ Letter 16, “To Saint Louise,” 8 October 1627, *ibid.*, 1:29.
- ³⁷ Letter 36, “To Saint Louise,” [around 1629], *ibid.*, 1:62.
- ³⁸ Letter 29, “To Saint Louise,” [between 1626 and May 1629], *ibid.*, 1:54.
- ³⁹ Letter 37, “To Saint Louise,” [around 1629], *ibid.*, 1:63.
- ⁴⁰ L.2, “To Monsieur Vincent,” 13 January 1628, *SW*, 7.
- ⁴¹ “Little one” refers to Louise’s son, Michel Le Gras. Letter 24, “To Saint Louise,” [February 1628], *CCD*, 1:37.
- ⁴² L.1, “To Monsieur Vincent,” 5 June 1627, *SW*, 6.
- ⁴³ Letter 23, “To Saint Louise,” 9 February 1628, *CCD*, 1:36.
- ⁴⁴ Letter 32, “To Saint Louise,” n.d., *ibid.*, 1:60.
- ⁴⁵ L.1, “To Monsieur Vincent,” 5 June 1627, *SW*, 6.
- ⁴⁶ Letter 24, “To Saint Louise,” [February 1628], *CCD*, 1:37.
- ⁴⁷ Letter 38, “To Saint Louise,” [April or May 1629], *ibid.*, 1:63–64.
- ⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, 1:64.
- ⁴⁹ Letter 39, “To Saint Louise,” 6 May 1629, *ibid.*, 1:64–65.
- ⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, 1:65.
- ⁵¹ For details about places in France visited by Louise de Marillac and Vincent de Paul see: John E. Rybolt, C.M., *In the Footsteps of Vincent de Paul: A Guide to Vincentian France* (Chicago: DePaul University Vincentian Studies Institute, 2007).
- ⁵² Document A.51, “(Visits to the Confraternities of Sannois, Franconville, Herblay and Conflans),” n.d., *SW*, 705.
- ⁵³ *Ibid.*, 706.
- ⁵⁴ *Ibid.*
- ⁵⁵ Letter 55, “To Saint Louise,” [September 1630], *CCD*, 1:86.
- ⁵⁶ Letter 111, “To Saint Louise, in Villeneuve-Saint-Georges,” 10 July 1632, *ibid.*, 1:164.
- ⁵⁷ Letter 66, “To Saint Louise, in Montreuil,” [April 1631], *ibid.*, 1:105.
- ⁵⁸ Letter 85, “To Saint Louise,” 12 October 1631, *ibid.*, 1:128.

- ⁵⁹ Letter 58, "To Saint Louise, in Beauvais," 7 December 1630, *ibid.*, 1:92–93.
- ⁶⁰ Letter 63, "To Saint Louise, in Montreuil," [2 April 1631], *ibid.*, 1:101.
- ⁶¹ Letter 56, "To Saint Louise, in Montmirail," 22 October 1630, *ibid.*, 1:89.
- ⁶² Letter 115, "To Saint Louise," [1632], *ibid.*, 1:168.
- ⁶³ *Ibid.*
- ⁶⁴ Letter 48, "To Saint Louise, in Villepreux," [May 1630], *ibid.*, 1:79.
- ⁶⁵ Letter 58, "To Saint Louise, in Beauvais," 7 December 1630, *ibid.*, 1:92.
- ⁶⁶ Letter 64, "To Saint Louise, in Montreuil," [April 1631], *ibid.*, 1:102.
- ⁶⁷ Letter 74, "To Saint Louise," [1631], *ibid.*, 1:114.
- ⁶⁸ Letter 42, "To Saint Louise," [1630], *ibid.*, 1:70.
- ⁶⁹ Letter 58, "To Saint Louise, in Beauvais," 7 December 1630, *ibid.*, 1:94.
- ⁷⁰ Letter 46, "To Saint Louise, in Villepreux," [April 1630], *ibid.*, 1:75.
- ⁷¹ Letter 83, "To Saint Louise, in Le Mesnil," 15 September 1631, *ibid.*, 1:125.
- ⁷² Letter 95, "To Saint Louise," n.d., *ibid.*, 1:145.
- ⁷³ Letter 119, "To Saint Louise," [before 1634], *ibid.*, 1:172.
- ⁷⁴ Letter 84, "To Saint Louise," [22 or 23 September 1631], *ibid.*, 1:126.
- ⁷⁵ Letter 92, "To Saint Louise," [1631], *ibid.*, 1:138.
- ⁷⁶ *Ibid.*
- ⁷⁷ Mt. 26:41.
- ⁷⁸ Document A.5, "(Retreat)," (c. 1632), *SW*, 717.
- ⁷⁹ Conference 12, "The Virtues of Marguerite Naseau," [July 1642], *CCD*, 9:65.
- ⁸⁰ Conference 20, "Observance of the Rule," 22 January 1645, *ibid.*, 9:166.
- ⁸¹ Conference 40, "Love of Our Vocation," 25 December 1648, *ibid.*, 9:358.
- ⁸² Conference 52, "The Spirit of the Company," 24 February 1653, *ibid.*, 9:473.
- ⁸³ Letter 40, "To Saint Louise, in Saint Cloud," 19 February 1630, *ibid.*, 1:68.
- ⁸⁴ Letter 132, "To Saint Louise," [1633], *ibid.*, 1:187–88.

- ⁸⁵ Conference 12, “The Virtues of Marguerite Naseau,” [July 1642], *ibid.*, 9:66.
- ⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, 9:65.
- ⁸⁷ Letter 147, “To Saint Louise,” [around 2 September 1633], *ibid.*, 1:211.
- ⁸⁸ Letter 136, “To Saint Louise,” [April 1633], *ibid.*, 1:197–98.
- ⁸⁹ Letter 86, “To Saint Louise,” 17 October 1631, *ibid.*, 1:129.
- ⁹⁰ Letter 136, “To Saint Louise,” [April 1633], *ibid.*, 1:197.
- ⁹¹ Document A.2, “Light,” n.d., *SW*, 1.
- ⁹² Letter 43, “To Saint Louise, in Le Mesnil,” 17 October 1631, *CCD*, 1:70–71.
- ⁹³ Letter 50, “To Saint Louise,” [around 1630], *ibid.*, 1:82.
- ⁹⁴ Letter 71, “To Saint Louise,” [before 1632], *ibid.*, 1:111.
- ⁹⁵ *Ibid.*
- ⁹⁶ Letter 138, “To Saint Louise,” [May 1633], *ibid.*, 1:200.
- ⁹⁷ Letter 147, “To Saint Louise,” [around 2 September 1633], *ibid.*, 1:211.
- ⁹⁸ Letter 148, “To Saint Louise,” n.d., *ibid.*, 1:212.
- ⁹⁹ *Ibid.*
- ¹⁰⁰ Letter 151, “To Saint Louise,” [August or September, around 1633], *ibid.*, 1:216.
- ¹⁰¹ Letter 152, “To Saint Louise,” [September or October 1633], *ibid.*, 1:217.
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- ¹⁰⁴ Letter 161, “To Saint Louise,” [1634, around March], *CCD*, 1:232.
- ¹⁰⁵ Letter 167, “To Saint Louise,” [around 1634], *ibid.*, 1:239.
- ¹⁰⁶ Letter 210, “To Saint Louise,” [between 1634 and 1636], *ibid.*, 1:305.
- ¹⁰⁷ Letter 213, “To Saint Louise,” n.d., *ibid.*, 1:307.
- ¹⁰⁸ Letter 156a, “To Saint Louise,” [January 1634], *ibid.*, 1:224.
- ¹⁰⁹ Letter 213, “To Saint Louise,” n.d., *ibid.*, 1:307.
- ¹¹⁰ Letter 207a, “To Saint Louise,” [October 1635], *ibid.*, 1:300.

- ¹¹¹ Letter 379, “To Saint Louise, in La Chapelle,” [between 1635 and 1639], *ibid.*, 1:548.
- ¹¹² Letter 224, “To Saint Louise,” 27 May 1636, *ibid.*, 1:320.
- ¹¹³ L.8B, “To Monsieur Vincent,” [c. 1638], *SW*, 17.
- ¹¹⁴ Letter 258, “To Saint Louise, in La Chapelle,” 30 December 1636, *CCD*, 1:363.
- ¹¹⁵ Letter 224, “To Saint Louise,” 27 May 1636, *ibid.*, 1:322.
- ¹¹⁶ *Ibid.*
- ¹¹⁷ *Ibid.*, 1:323.
- ¹¹⁸ Letter 210, “To Saint Louise,” [between 1634–1636], *ibid.*, 1:305.
- ¹¹⁹ Letter 296, “To Saint Louise,” [1638], *ibid.*, 1:426.
- ¹²⁰ Letter 297, “To Saint Louise,” [1638], *ibid.*, 1:427.
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- ¹²³ Letter 228, “To Saint Louise,” [1636], *ibid.*, 1:327.
- ¹²⁴ Document 143, “Regulations for the Sisters of the Angers Hospital,” (1641), *ibid.*, 13b:108.
- ¹²⁵ Letter 108, “To Saint Louise,” [May or June 1632], *ibid.*, 1:159–60.
- ¹²⁶ Letter 267, “To Saint Louise, in La Chapelle,” 24 May 1637, *ibid.*, 1:377. See Letter 312, “To Saint Louise,” [March 1638], *ibid.*, 1:449; and Letter 203, “To Saint Louise,” [1635], *ibid.*, 1:290.
- ¹²⁷ Letter 297, “To Saint Louise,” [1638], *ibid.*, 1:426.
- ¹²⁸ Letter 156a, “To Saint Louise,” [January 1634], *ibid.*, 1:223.
- ¹²⁹ Letter 203, “To Saint Louise,” [1635], *ibid.*, 1:290.
- ¹³⁰ Letter 224, “To Saint Louise,” 27 May 1636, *ibid.*, 1:320.
- ¹³¹ L.6, “To Monsieur Vincent,” December 1636, *SW*, 14.
- ¹³² Letter 161, “To Saint Louise,” [1634, around March], *CCD*, 1:233.
- ¹³³ Letter 163, “To Saint Louise,” [March or April 1634], *ibid.*, 1:235.
- ¹³⁴ Conference 117, “Indifference,” 14 December 1659, *ibid.*, 10:562.
- ¹³⁵ Letter 175, “To Saint Louise,” [between 1632 and 1636, probably 22 July], *ibid.*, 1:240–41.

- ¹³⁶ Letter 266, "To Saint Louise," [between 1636 and 1642], *ibid.*, 1:375.
- ¹³⁷ Letter 406, "To Saint Louise," [13 October 1639], *ibid.*, 1:588.
- ¹³⁸ Letter 215, "To Saint Louise," [1636], *ibid.*, 1:308–09.
- ¹³⁹ *Ibid.*
- ¹⁴⁰ Letter 217, "To Saint Louise," [1636], *ibid.*, 1:310.
- ¹⁴¹ Letter 219, "To Saint Louise," [1636], *ibid.*, 1:313.
- ¹⁴² Letter 221, "To Saint Louise," [1636], *ibid.*, 1:315.
- ¹⁴³ *Ibid.*
- ¹⁴⁴ Document A.15, "Conformity to the Divine Will," (c. 1632), *SW*, 713.
- ¹⁴⁵ Mt. 18:20.
- ¹⁴⁶ Document 195, "The Work of the Foundlings," [between 1640 and 1650], *CCD*, 13b:421.
- ¹⁴⁷ *Ibid.*
- ¹⁴⁸ Letter 288, "To Saint Louise," 1 January [1638], *ibid.*, 1:407.
- ¹⁴⁹ Letter 290, "To Saint Louise," [January 1638], *ibid.*, 1:410–11.
- ¹⁵⁰ Letter 295, "To Saint Louise," [February 1638], *ibid.*, 1:423.
- ¹⁵¹ Letter 297, "To Saint Louise," [1638], *ibid.*, 1:426.
- ¹⁵² *Ibid.*
- ¹⁵³ Letter 304, "To Saint Louise," [February 1638], *ibid.*, 1:436.
- ¹⁵⁴ L.89, "To Monsieur Vincent," [c. 1638], *SW*, 16.
- ¹⁵⁵ Letter 304, "To Saint Louise," [February 1638], *CCD*, 1:436.
- ¹⁵⁶ Document 287, "Mémoire des Enfants Envoyés en Nourrice," 30 March 1640, *FC Documents*, 271.
- ¹⁵⁷ Conference 16, "The Foundlings," 7 December 1643, *CCD*, 9:105.
- ¹⁵⁸ Document A.80, "Rule For the Sisters Who Care For Children," (c. 1640), *SW*, 736.
- ¹⁵⁹ Conference 16, "The Foundlings," 7 December 1643, *CCD*, 9:114. Cf. Document 149b. "Particular Rules to be Observed by the Sisters with the Foundlings in Addition to those Common to their Whole Community," n.d., *ibid.*, 13b:209–21.
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eminent dignity of poor persons.

¹⁶¹ Letter 306, “To Lambert aux Couteaux, in Richelieu,” 20 February 1638, *CCD*, 1:439.

¹⁶² Letter 345, “To Saint Louise,” [September 1638], *ibid.*, 1:493–94.

¹⁶³ Letter 352, “To Lambert aux Couteaux, in Richelieu,” 1 October 1638, *ibid.*, 1:500.

¹⁶⁴ Letter 354, “To Saint Louise,” [October 1638], *ibid.*, 1:503.

¹⁶⁵ Letter 364, “To Antoine Lucas, in Joigny,” 13 December 1638, *ibid.*, 1:516–17.

¹⁶⁶ L.11, “To Sisters Barbe Angiboust and Louise Ganset,” 26 October 1639, *SW*, 18.

¹⁶⁷ *Ibid.*, 19–20.

¹⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, 20.

¹⁶⁹ Letter 411, “To Saint Louise,” 12 [December] 1639, *CCD*, 1:596.

¹⁷⁰ Letter 415, “To Saint Louise, in Angers,” 31 December 1639, *ibid.*, 1:603.

¹⁷¹ Letter 417, “To Saint Louise de Marillac, in Angers,” 11 January 1640, *ibid.*, 2:2.

¹⁷² *Ibid.*

¹⁷³ Letter 421, “To Saint Louise, in Angers,” 28 January 1640, *ibid.*, 2:13.

¹⁷⁴ Conference 71, “The Purpose of the Company,” 18 October 1655, *ibid.*, 10:103.

¹⁷⁵ Conference 24, “Love of Vocation and assistance to the Poor,” 13 February 1646, *ibid.*, 9:199.

¹⁷⁶ Document 149b, “Particular Rules for the Sisters Who Minister to the Galley Convicts,” n.d., *ibid.*, 13b:221.

¹⁷⁷ Conference 109, “The Virtues of Sister Barbe Angiboust,” 27 April 1659, *ibid.*, 10:517.

¹⁷⁸ Document A.91, “Observations on the Rules,” n.d., *SW*, 742.

¹⁷⁹ Letter 491, “To Saint Louise,” [28 October 1640], *CCD*, 2:148.

¹⁸⁰ Letter 510, “To Saint Louise,” [7 February 1641], *ibid.*, 2:177.

¹⁸¹ L.36B, “To Monsieur Vincent,” 9 February 1641, *SW*, 47.

¹⁸² Letter 513, “To Saint Louise,” [9 or 10 February 1641], *CCD*, 2:180–81.

- ¹⁸³ Letter 494, “To Saint Louise,” All Saints’ Day [1640], *ibid.*, 2:150–51.
- ¹⁸⁴ Letter 537, “To Saint Louise,” [6 or 7 September 1641], *ibid.*, 2:210–11.
- ¹⁸⁵ Letter 510, “To Saint Louise,” [7 February 1641], *ibid.*, 2:177.
- ¹⁸⁶ L.48, “To Monsieur Vincent,” (October 1641), *SW*, 63.
- ¹⁸⁷ Letter 503, “To Saint Louise,” [1640 or 1641], *CCD*, 2:166.
- ¹⁸⁸ Letter 529, “To Saint Louise,” [April or May 1641], *ibid.*, 2:198.
- ¹⁸⁹ Letter 514a, “To Saint Louise,” [11 February 1641], *ibid.*, 2:182.
- ¹⁹⁰ Conference 5, “Fidelity to Rising and Mental Prayer,” 16 August 1640, *ibid.*, 9:30.
- ¹⁹¹ Conference 6, “Explanation of the Regulations,” 16 August 1641, *ibid.*, 9:34.
- ¹⁹² Conference 9, “Care of the Sick,” 9 March [1642], *ibid.*, 9:49.
- ¹⁹³ Conference 10, “Care of the Sick,” [16 March 1642], *ibid.*, 9:51.
- ¹⁹⁴ L.107B, “To Monsieur Vincent,” 11 September [1641], *SW*, 59.
- ¹⁹⁵ Letter 592, “To Saint Louise,” [8 June 1642], *CCD*, 2:290.
- ¹⁹⁶ Document A.75 “(On the Conduct of Divine Providence),” *SW*, 768.
- ¹⁹⁷ Conference 12, “The Virtues of Marguerite Naseau,” [July 1642], *CCD*, 9:65.
- ¹⁹⁸ Letter 638, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [25 January 1643], *ibid.*, 2:392. Cf. L.76, “To Monsieur Vincent,” [25 January 1643], *SW*, 87.
- ¹⁹⁹ Conference 13, “Imitating the Virtues of Village Girls,” 25 January 1643, *CCD*, 9:68–72.
- ²⁰⁰ *Ibid.*, 9:72.
- ²⁰¹ Conference 15, “Explanation of the Regulations,” [14 June 1643], *ibid.*, 9:92.
- ²⁰² *Ibid.*
- ²⁰³ Letter 773, “To Jean-François de Gondi, Archbishop of Paris,” [August or September 1645], *ibid.*, 2:602.
- ²⁰⁴ L.110, “To Monsieur Vincent,” (c. October 1644), *SW*, 120.
- ²⁰⁵ Document A.4, “Oblation to the Blessed Virgin,” c. 1626, *ibid.*, 695.
- ²⁰⁶ L.111, “(Account of the Pilgrimage to Chartres),” 1644, *ibid.*, 122.

- ²⁰⁷ Document A.4, “Oblation to the Blessed Virgin,” (c.1626), *ibid.*, 695.
- ²⁰⁸ *Ibid.*
- ²⁰⁹ Document A.31B, “Thoughts on the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary,” n.d., *ibid.*, 831.
- ²¹⁰ Document A.4, “Oblation to the Blessed Virgin,” (c. 1626), *ibid.*, 695–96.
- ²¹¹ §23. Saint John Paul II, “*Redemptoris Mater*” (“*The Mother of the Redeemer*”), 25 March 1987. “Jesus highlights a new relationship between Mother and Son, the whole truth and reality of which he solemnly confirms. One can say that if Mary’s motherhood of the human race had already been outlined, now it is clearly stated and established. It emerges from the definitive accomplishment of the Redeemer’s Paschal Mystery. The Mother of Christ, who stands at the very center of this mystery—a mystery which embraces each individual and all humanity—is given as mother to every single individual and all mankind.” See: http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25031987_redemptoris-mater.html
- ²¹² Document A.10, “Resolutions for the Period from Ascension to Pentecost,” (c. 1630), *SW*, 704.
- ²¹³ Document A.14B, “To the Virgin Mary,” n.d., *ibid.*, 775.
- ²¹⁴ Document A.32, “On the Virtues of the Most Holy Virgin,” n.d., *ibid.*, 815.
- ²¹⁵ Letter 735, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” 2 December [1644], *CCD*, 2:549.
- ²¹⁶ College may be compared with a boarding school for secondary education or high school.
- ²¹⁷ Letter 359, “To Saint Louise, in La Chapelle,” [between 1636 and 1639], *ibid.*, 1:509.
- ²¹⁸ Letter 221, “To Saint Louise,” [1636], *ibid.*, 1:314.
- ²¹⁹ Letter 767, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [26 July 1645], *ibid.*, 2:593.
- ²²⁰ L.109, “To Monsieur Vincent,” (c.1645), *SW*, 134. See also L.123, “To Monsieur Vincent,” 21 July 1645, *ibid.*, 131.
- ²²¹ Letter 794, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [March 1646], *CCD*, 2:629–30.
- ²²² Letter 937, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” 21 April 1647, *ibid.*, 3:179.
- ²²³ Letter 1103, “To Saint Louise,” 14 May 1649, *ibid.*, 3:432.

- ²²⁴ Letter 1130, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” 30 August [1649], *ibid.*, 3:471.
- ²²⁵ Letter 1132, “To Saint Louise, in Liancourt,” 2 September [1649], *ibid.*, 3:472–73.
- ²²⁶ L.274, “To the Count de Maure,” (December 1649), *SW*, 308.
- ²²⁷ Letter 1177, “To Saint Louise,” [January 1650], *CCD*, 3:537.
- ²²⁸ Letter 69, “To Saint Louise,” [May 1631], *ibid.*, 1:109.
- ²²⁹ Lk. 14:26–27.
- ²³⁰ Cf. Conference 24, “Love of Vocation and Assistance to the Poor,” 13 February 1646, *CCD*, 9:190–201.
- ²³¹ *Ibid.*, 9:193.
- ²³² *Ibid.*, 9:191.
- ²³³ *Ibid.*, 9:193–94.
- ²³⁴ *Ibid.*, 9:195.
- ²³⁵ *Ibid.*, 9:197.
- ²³⁶ *Ibid.*, 9:198.
- ²³⁷ *Ibid.*, 9:199–200.
- ²³⁸ Letter of Monsieur Portail to Louise de Marillac, 18 March 1646, Archives of the Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, 140 rue du Bac, Paris. (Hereafter cited as ADCP.)
- ²³⁹ L.132B, “To Monsieur Portail,” 20 March (1646), *SW*, 141.
- ²⁴⁰ Letter 791, “To Antoine Portail, in Le Mans,” 23 March 1646, *CCD*, 2:624.
- ²⁴¹ L.132C, “To Monsieur Portail,” 27 March 1646, *SW*, 143.
- ²⁴² L.140, “To Monsieur Portail,” 25 May 1646, *ibid.*, 150.
- ²⁴³ Letter of Monsieur Ratier to the Abbé de Vaux, n.d., ADCP.
- ²⁴⁴ Document A.44, “(Remarks on Three Deceased Sisters),” (c.1646), *SW*, 767.
- ²⁴⁵ Letter of Monsieur Ratier to Louise de Marillac, n.d., ADCP.
- ²⁴⁶ L.136, “To Sister Madeleine Mongert,” 23 May (1646), *SW*, 149.
- ²⁴⁷ L.159, “(Account of the Journey to Nantes),” 1646, *SW*, 173.

- ²⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, 174.
- ²⁴⁹ *Ibid.*
- ²⁵⁰ L.151, “To Monsieur Vincent,” 21 August (1646), *ibid.*, 167.
- ²⁵¹ L.157, “To My Very Dear Sister Jeanne Lepintre,” (beginning of September 1646), *ibid.*, 172.
- ²⁵² L.164, “To Monsieur L’Abbé de Vaux,” 27 November (1646), *ibid.*, 186.
- ²⁵³ Document 158, “Council of 25 October 1646,” *CCD*, 13b:268.
- ²⁵⁴ L.166, “To My Very Dear Sister Turgis,” (c. April 1647), *SW*, 196.
- ²⁵⁵ Document A.1020, “Monsieur Fuset to Louise de Marillac,” n.d., ADCP.
- ²⁵⁶ Document A.1052, “Claude Brigide to Louise de Marillac,” n.d., ADCP.
- ²⁵⁷ L.303C, “To My Very Dear Sister Jeanne Lepintre,” 17 May (1648), *SW*, 243.
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9:353–65.

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³⁰² *Ibid.*

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³⁰⁵ L.230, “To My Very Dear Sisters Marie and Brigide,” (October 1648), *ibid.*, 265.

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- ³²³ L.425, “To Sister Laurence,” 19 February (1655), *ibid.*, 463.
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- ³³³ L.424, “(To Sister Barbe Angiboust at Bernay),” [c. May 1655], *ibid.*, 468.
- ³³⁴ L.284B, “To My Very Dear Sister Cécile Agnès,” 4 May 1650, *ibid.*, 320.
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- ³³⁹ L.121, “To My Very Dear Sister Madeleine,” 27 June 1645, *ibid.*, 129.

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- ³⁴³ Monsieur Holden was a friend of the Marillac family.
- ³⁴⁴ L.221, “To My Very Dear Sister Hellot,” (28 August 1648), *SW*, 258.
- ³⁴⁵ L.215, “To My Very Dear Sister Hellot,” 29 August (1648), *ibid.*, 259.
- ³⁴⁶ Letter 1087, “To Antoine Portail, in Marseilles,” 22 January 1649, *CCD*, 3:393.
- ³⁴⁷ L.234, “To My Very Dear Sister Genèviève and the Other Daughters of Charity,” (c. March–April 1649), *SW*, 277.
- ³⁴⁸ *Ibid.*
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- ³⁵⁰ Letter 1098, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” 6 April 1649, *CCD*, 3:422.
- ³⁵¹ L.243, “To Monsieur L’Abbé de Vaux,” 6 April 1649, *SW*, 280.
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- ³⁵³ L.259, “(To Sister Julienne Loret),” (April 1649), *ibid.*, 284.
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- ³⁶⁵ L.341, “To My Very Dear Sister Cécile Angiboust,” 17 February (1652), *ibid.*, 390–91.
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- ³⁶⁹ Letter 1512, “To the Sisters of Valpuseaux,” 23 June 1652, *CCD*, 4:401.
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- ³⁷⁴ L.400, “(To Sister Anne Hardemont),” (c.1653), *ibid.*, 432.
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- ³⁸¹ Conference 3, “The Vocation of the Daughter of Charity,” 19 July 1640,

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³⁸⁵ Letter 1377, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” 5 July 1651, *ibid.*, 4:225.

³⁸⁶ Letter 1405, “To Saint Louise,” [September 1651], *ibid.*, 4:257.

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³⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, 10:85.

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³⁹³ L.360B, “(To Sister Cécile Angiboust),” 8 February 1653, *SW*, 412.

³⁹⁴ Conference 120, “Election of Officers,” 27 August 1660, *CCD*, 10:594.

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³⁹⁶ *Ibid.*

³⁹⁷ Letter 2068, “To Sister Françoise Ménage, in Nantes,” 17 May 1656, *ibid.*, 5:616.

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- ⁴⁴¹ *Ibid.*
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- ⁴⁵⁷ Letter 2776, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [January 1659], *CCD*, 7:456.
- ⁴⁵⁸ Letter 3069, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [January 1660], *ibid.*, 8:264.
- ⁴⁵⁹ L.481, “To Monsieur L’Abbé de Vaux,” 29 June (1649), *SW*, 293.
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- ⁴⁶⁴ *Constitutions of the Company of the Daughters of Charity* (2004), 19–20. Hereafter cited as *Constitutions*. See also Pope Paul VI, *Perfectae caritatis (The Adaptation and Renewal of Religious Life)*, 28 October 1965, no. 2.
- ⁴⁶⁵ “Spiritual Testament,” n.d., *SW*, 835.
- ⁴⁶⁶ Gobillon, *Life*, 64.
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- ⁴⁶⁸ Document A.2, “Light,” n.d., *SW*, 1.
- ⁴⁶⁹ Letter 12, “To Saint Louise de Marillac,” 30 October 1626, *CCD*, 1:24.
- ⁴⁷⁰ Letter 37, “To Saint Louise,” [around 1629], *ibid.*, 1:63.
- ⁴⁷¹ Letter 38, “To Saint Louise,” [April or May 1629], *ibid.*, 1:64.
- ⁴⁷² Letter 34, “To Saint Louise,” [around 1629], *ibid.*, 1:61.
- ⁴⁷³ See Letter 39, “To Saint Louise,” 6 May 1629, *ibid.*, 1:64–65.
- ⁴⁷⁴ Letter 137, “To Saint Louise,” 1 May [1633], *ibid.*, 1:199.
- ⁴⁷⁵ Letter 48, “To Saint Louise, in Villepreux,” [May 1630], *ibid.*, 1:79.
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- ⁴⁷⁷ Letter 128, “To Saint Louise,” n.d., *ibid.*, 1:182.
- ⁴⁷⁸ Letter 113, “To Saint Louise,” [around 1632], *ibid.*, 1:167.
- ⁴⁷⁹ Letter 119, “To Saint Louise,” [before 1634], *ibid.*, 1:172.
- ⁴⁸⁰ Letter 75, “To Saint Louise,” [2 September 1631], *ibid.*, 1:116–17.
- ⁴⁸¹ Document A.2, “Light,” n.d., *SW*, 1.
- ⁴⁸² Letter 136, “To Saint Louise,” [April 1633], *CCD*, 1:197. There could be the danger of contagion due to an epidemic of the plague.
- ⁴⁸³ Letter 337, “To Saint Louise,” [1638], *ibid.*, 1:484.
- ⁴⁸⁴ Letter 176, “To Saint Louise,” [between 1634 and 1636], *ibid.*, 1:241.
- ⁴⁸⁵ Letter 387, “To Saint Louise,” [1639], *ibid.*, 1:561.
- ⁴⁸⁶ See Chapter 7, “The First Expansion of the Company (1636–1642),” pp. 51–66.
- ⁴⁸⁷ Letter 724, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [between 21 September and 13 October 1644], *CCD*, 2:526.
- ⁴⁸⁸ Letter 1914, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [around September 1655], *ibid.*, 5:427.
- ⁴⁸⁹ Letter 657, “To Saint Louise,” [between 1638 and 1649], *ibid.*, 2:425.
- ⁴⁹⁰ Letter 1029, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [4 May 1648], *ibid.*, 3:298.
- ⁴⁹¹ Letter 1692, “To Saint Louise,” [December 1653], *ibid.*, 5:64–65.
- ⁴⁹² Letter 1208, “Saint Louise de Marillac to Saint Vincent de Paul,” [April 1650], *ibid.*, 4:7.

- ⁴⁹³ Letter 1036, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [before 1650], *ibid.*, 3:312.
- ⁴⁹⁴ Letter 1098, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” 6 April 1649, *ibid.*, 3:422.
- ⁴⁹⁵ Letter 1101, “To Saint Louise,” 28 April 1649, *ibid.*, 3:427.
- ⁴⁹⁶ Letter 1914, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [around September 1655], *ibid.*, 5:426.
- ⁴⁹⁷ See Chapter 9, “The Stormy Years,” pp. 78-83.
- ⁴⁹⁸ Letter 1132, “To Saint Louise, in Liancourt,” 2 September [1649], *CCD*, 3:472.
- ⁴⁹⁹ Letter 1097, “To Saint Louise,” 5 April 1649, *ibid.*, 3:420.
- ⁵⁰⁰ Letter 809, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [around 1646], *ibid.*, 2:651.
- ⁵⁰¹ Letter 1891, “To Saint Louise,” [between 1639 and 1660], *ibid.*, 5:401.
- ⁵⁰² Letter 1971, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [December 1655], *ibid.*, 5:484.
- ⁵⁰³ L.519, “To Sister Anne Hardemont,” (1658), *SW*, 614–15.
- ⁵⁰⁴ Letter 801, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [2 May 1646], *CCD*, 2:639–40.
- ⁵⁰⁵ Letter 1007, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [15 January 1648], *ibid.*, 3:263.
- ⁵⁰⁶ Letter 638, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [25 January 1643], *ibid.*, 2:392.
- ⁵⁰⁷ Letter 841, “To Saint Louise,” 25 August 1646, *ibid.*, 3:28.
- ⁵⁰⁸ See Chapter 9, “The Stormy Years,” pp. 78-83.
- ⁵⁰⁹ Letter 1377, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” 5 July 1651, *CCD*, 4:224.
- ⁵¹⁰ Letter 2604, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” 9 June 1658, *ibid.*, 7:189.
- ⁵¹¹ See *Constitutions*, C. 32.a, 81.
- ⁵¹² Letter 2283, “Saint Louise to Saint Vincent,” [12 or 13 June 1657], *CCD*, 6:342.
- ⁵¹³ Letter 1915, “To Saint Louise,” [around September 1655], *ibid.*, 5:428.
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- ⁵²⁷ Letter 2677, "Saint Louise to Saint Vincent," [3 October 1658], *ibid.*, 7:299.
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- ⁵²⁹ L.644, "To Monsieur Vincent," 24 December 1659, *SW*, 664. Cf. Letter 3054, "Saint Louise to Saint Vincent," 24 December 1659, *CCD*, 8:236.
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